

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2886–2890, and S. Res. 517–518. **Page S2793**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1336, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize hydroelectric production incentives and hydroelectric efficiency improvement incentives. (S. Rept. No. 115–250)

S. 1457, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out demonstration projects relating to advanced nuclear reactor technologies to support domestic energy needs, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 115–251)

S. 1799, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to facilitate the commercialization of energy and related technologies developed at Department of Energy facilities with promising commercial potential. (S. Rept. No. 115–252)

H.R. 1109, to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–253) **Page S2793**

#### Measures Passed:

**Older Americans Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 517, designating May 2018 as “Older Americans Month”. **Page S2799**

**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, with respect to the stabilization of Iraq, received during adjournment of the Senate on May 18, 2018; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–40) **Pages S2790–91**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order with respect to Venezuela that takes additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13692 on March 8, 2015; which was referred to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–41) **Page S2791**

**Baiocco Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Dana Baiocco, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. **Pages S2782–87**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 102), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2787**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, all post-cloture time on the nomination be considered expired at 12 noon, on Tuesday, May 22, 2018. **Page S2787**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, May 22, 2018. **Pages S2799–S2800**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Cherith Norman Chalet, of New Jersey, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador.

Cherith Norman Chalet, of New Jersey, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform.

John Rakolta, Jr., of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to Jamaica. **Page S2800**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S2791**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Pages S2791, S2799**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Page S2791**

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**Additional Statements:** Pages S2789–90  
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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** Page S2799  
**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today.  
 (Total—102) Page S2787  
**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:22 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of

the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2799–2800.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 5887–5893, 5896–5902; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 906 were introduced. Pages H4283–84

**Additional Cosponsors:** Page H4285

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4245, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress certain documents relating to the Electronic Health Record Modernization Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (H. Rept. 115–691);

H.R. 5215, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prohibit employees found to have knowingly misused Department of Veterans Affairs purchase cards from serving as purchase card holders or approving officials (H. Rept. 115–692);

H.R. 5418, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Medical Surgical Prime Vendor program using multiple prime vendors (H. Rept. 115–693);

H.R. 4830, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the disapproval of any course of education for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs unless the educational institution providing the course permits individuals to attend or participate in courses pending payment by Department, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–694);

H.R. 5655, to establish the Camp Nelson Heritage National Monument in the State of Kentucky as

a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–695);

H.R. 5894, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–696);

H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–697);

Supplemental Report on H.R. 5515, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–676, Part 2); and

H. Res. 905, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5515) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (S. 204) to authorize the use of unapproved medical products by patients diagnosed with a terminal illness in accordance with State law, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (S. 2155) to promote economic growth, provide tailored regulatory relief, and enhance consumer protections, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–698).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Newhouse to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Commission on International Religious Freedom—Reappointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term effective May 14, 2018, and ending May 14, 2020: Ms. Kristina Arriaga of Alexandria, Virginia. **Page H4246**

**Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children: Ms. Gloria O'Neill of Anchorage, Alaska, Ms. Lisa Johnson Billy of Lindsay, Oklahoma, and Ms. Elizabeth Morris of Hillsboro, North Dakota. **Page H4246**

**United States Semiquincentennial Commission—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission to fill the vacancy thereon: Representative Holding. **Page H4246**

**United States Capitol Preservation Commission—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Representative Holding. **Page H4246**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m. **Page H4246**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

***Veterans Affairs Billing Accountability Act:*** H.R. 1972, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to waive the requirement of certain veterans to make copayments for hospital care and medical services in the case of an error by the Department of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H4247–48**

***Military Sexual Assault Victims Empowerment Act:*** H.R. 3642, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to improve the access to private health care for veterans who are survivors of military sexual trauma; **Pages H4248–50**

***Veterans Opioid Abuse Prevention Act:*** H.R. 3832, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the executive director of a national network of State-based prescription monitoring programs under which Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers shall query such network, by a

$\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 377 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 209; **Pages H4250–51, H4268–69**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for access by Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers to State prescription drug monitoring programs."; **Page H4269**

***Naming the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Statesboro, Georgia, the "Ray Hendrix Veterans Clinic":*** H.R. 3946, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Statesboro, Georgia, the "Ray Hendrix Veterans Clinic"; **Pages H4251–53**

***Veterans' Electronic Health Record Modernization Oversight Act:*** H.R. 4245, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress certain documents relating to the Electronic Health Record Modernization Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H4253–54**

***Servicemembers Improved Transition through Reforms for Ensuring Progress Act:*** H.R. 4830, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the disapproval of any course of education for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs unless the educational institution providing the course permits individuals to attend or participate in courses pending payment by Department, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 382 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 207; **Pages H4254–56, H4267**

***Veterans Affairs Purchase Card Misuse Mitigation Act:*** H.R. 5215, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prohibit employees found to have knowingly misused Department of Veterans Affairs purchase cards from serving as purchase card holders or approving officials; **Pages H4256–57**

***Veterans Affairs Medical-Surgical Purchasing Stabilization Act:*** H.R. 5418, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Medical Surgical Prime Vendor program using multiple prime vendors; **Pages H4257–58**

***Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2018:*** H.R. 4958, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2018, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans; **Pages H4258–59**

***Service-Disabled Veterans Small Business Continuation Act:*** H.R. 5044, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the treatment of certain surviving spouses under the contracting goals

and preferences of the Department of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H4259–60**

**Redesignating certain clinics of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in Montana:** S. 1282, to redesignate certain clinics of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in Montana; **Pages H4260–61**

**CEO Accountability and Responsibility Act:** H.R. 3663, to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Huntington, West Virginia, as the Hershel “Woody” Williams VA Medical Center; **Pages H4261–63**

**Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act:** H.R. 4451 amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs, by a 2/3 yeand-nay vote of 377 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 208; and **Pages H4263–65, H4268**

**Improving Oversight of Women Veterans’ Care Act:** H.R. 4334, amended, to provide for certain reporting requirements relating to medical care for women veterans provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and through contracts entered into by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with non-Department medical providers. **Pages H4265–67**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H4267**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, May 22nd for Morning Hour debate. **Page H4269**

**Permission to File Report:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to file a supplemental report on H.R. 5515, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Page H4269**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that he issued an Executive Order that takes additional steps with regard to the national emergency with respect to Venezuela that was declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13808 of August 24, 2017, and Executive Order 13827 of March 19, 2018—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–129). **Pages H4271–72**

**Senate Referrals:** S. 346 was held at the desk. S.J. Res. 60 was referred to the Committee on House Administration. **Page H4282**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4246.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4267, H4268, H4268–69. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

**ECONOMIC GROWTH, REGULATORY RELIEF, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT; TRICKETT WENDLER, FRANK MONGIELLO, JORDAN MCLINN, AND MATTHEW BELLINA RIGHT TO TRY ACT OF 2017; NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019**

**Committee on Rules:** Full Committee held a hearing on S. 2155, the “Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act”; S. 204, the “Trickett Wendler, Frank Mongiello, Jordan McLinn, and Matthew Bellina Right to Try Act of 2017”; and H.R. 5515, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019” [General Debate]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–4, providing for the consideration of H.R. 5515 under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–70 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the rule. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report or against amendments en bloc as described in section 3 of this rule. In section 3, the rule provides that the chairman of the

Committee on Armed Services or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. In section 4, the rule provides that no further consideration of the bill shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. In section 5, the rule provides for the for the consideration of S. 204 under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. In section 6, the rule provides for the consideration of S. 2155 under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to commit. Finally, in section 7, the rule provides that the motion to reconsider the vote on the question of passage of H.R. 2 (Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018) may continue to be postponed through the legislative day of Friday, June 22, 2018. Testimony was heard from Representatives Luetkemeyer, Maxine Waters of California, Barton, Pallone, Wittman, Davis of California.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled,

“Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019”, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019”, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019, 11 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Personnel, business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019, 3:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019, 4:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019, 5:15 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 2098, to modernize and strengthen the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to more effectively guard against the risk to the national security of the United States posed by certain types of foreign investment, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider S. 2848, to improve Department of Transportation controlled substances and alcohol testing, S. 2842, to prohibit the marketing of bogus opioid treatment programs or products, S. 2844, to require the Surface Transportation Board to implement certain recommendations of the Inspector General of the Department of Transportation, S. 2764, to amend and enhance the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act to improve the conservation of sharks, S. 2418, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations that establish a national standard for determining whether mobile and broadband services available in rural areas are reasonably comparable to those services provided in urban areas, the nominations of Joseph Ryan Gruters, of Florida, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Jennifer L. Homendy, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation

Safety Board, and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider S. 2800, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, S. 2602, to support carbon dioxide utilization and direct air capture research, to facilitate the permitting and development of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration projects and carbon dioxide pipelines, S. 2734, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the “George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, S. 2377, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the “Walter H. Rice Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, the nomination of John L. Ryder, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and 3 General Services Administration resolutions, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider S. 2269, to reauthorize the Global Food Security Act of 2016 for 5 additional years, S. Res. 386, urging the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to fulfill its agreement to hold credible elections, comply with constitutional limits on presidential terms, and fulfill its constitutional mandate for a democratic transition of power by taking concrete and measurable steps towards holding elections not later than December 2018 as outlined in the existing election calendar, and allowing for freedom of expression and association, S.J. Res. 58, to require certifications regarding actions by Saudi Arabia in Yemen, and the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, done at Marrakesh on June 27, 2013 (Marrakesh Treaty) (Treaty Doc.114-06), 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine the healthcare workforce, focusing on addressing shortages and improving care, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

## House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Full Committee, markup on the FY 2019 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Education”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “DOE Modernization: Legislation Addressing Development, Regulation, and Competitiveness of Advanced Nuclear Energy Technologies”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “Internet of Things Legislation”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4439, the “Modernizing Credit Opportunities Act”; H.R. 5735, the “Transitional Housing for Recovery in Viable Environments Demonstration Program Act”; H.R. 5749, the “Options Markets Stability Act”; H.R. 5793, the “Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Demonstration Act of 2018”; and H.R. 5841, the “Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act of 2018”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee On Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Advancing Effective Conservation Policy Worldwide: Successes, Challenges, and Next Steps”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing and markup on H.R. 4819, the “DELTA Act”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “Geopolitics of U.S. Oil and Gas Competitiveness”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Lebanon and Iraq: After the Elections”, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Stopping the Daily Border Caravan: Time to Build a Policy Wall”, 2 p.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Patent and Trademark Office”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 5597, the “Desert Tortoise Habitat Conservation Plan Expansion Act, Washington County, Utah”; H.R. 5751, the “Golden Spike 150th Anniversary Act”; and H.R. 5875, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, to provide parity for United States territories and the District of Columbia, to make technical corrections to such Acts and related laws, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, joint hearing entitled “Ten Years of TARP: Examining the Hardest Hit Fund”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Healthcare, Benefits and Administrative Rules; and Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs, joint hearing entitled “Challenges to the Freedom of Speech on College Campuses: Part II”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 5515, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019” [Amendment Consideration], 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Energy, joint hearing entitled “Empowering U.S. Veterans Through Technology”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “FAST Act Implementation: Motor Carrier Provisions”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Full Committee, business meeting to consider a resolution designating subcommittee members, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Curious Case of the VISN Takeover: Assessing VA’s Governance Structure”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Subcommittee on CIA, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be closed.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine breaking through the regulatory barrier, focusing on what red tape means for the innovation economy, 2:30 p.m., 1100, Longworth Building.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 22 through May 25, 2018

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Dana Baiocco, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 12 noon.

Following disposition of the Baiocco nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 2372, Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Appropriations*: May 22, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-138.

May 22, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019”, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

May 22, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019”, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

May 23, Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Health and

Human Services, Indian Health Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

May 23, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

May 24, Full Committee, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2019”, an original bill entitled, “Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019”, and to consider 302(b) subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority allocated to the committee in H. Con. Res. 71, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Armed Services*: May 22, Subcommittee on SeaPower, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

May 22, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019, 11 a.m., SR-232A.

May 22, Subcommittee on Personnel, business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

May 22, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019, 3:30 p.m., SR-232A.

May 22, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019, 4:30 p.m., SR-232A.

May 22, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019, 5:15 p.m., SR-232A.

May 23, Full Committee, closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

May 24, Full Committee, closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

May 25, Full Committee, closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: May 22, business meeting to consider S. 2098, to modernize and strengthen the Committee on Foreign Investment in

the United States to more effectively guard against the risk to the national security of the United States posed by certain types of foreign investment, 10 a.m., SD-538.

May 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the status of the housing finance system, 10 a.m., SD-538.

May 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine cybersecurity, focusing on risks to the financial services industry and its preparedness, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* May 23, to hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office's annual report on additional opportunities to reduce fragmentation, overlap, and duplication in the Federal government, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* May 22, business meeting to consider S. 2848, to improve Department of Transportation controlled substances and alcohol testing, S. 2842, to prohibit the marketing of bogus opioid treatment programs or products, S. 2844, to require the Surface Transportation Board to implement certain recommendations of the Inspector General of the Department of Transportation, S. 2764, to amend and enhance the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act to improve the conservation of sharks, S. 2418, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations that establish a national standard for determining whether mobile and broadband services available in rural areas are reasonably comparable to those services provided in urban areas, the nominations of Joseph Ryan Gruters, of Florida, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Jennifer L. Homendy, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* May 22, business meeting to consider S. 2800, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, S. 2602, to support carbon dioxide utilization and direct air capture research, to facilitate the permitting and development of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration projects and carbon dioxide pipelines, S. 2734, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the "George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse", S. 2377, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the "Walter H. Rice Federal Building and United States Courthouse", the nomination of John L. Ryder, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and 3 General Services Administration resolutions, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* May 24, to hold hearings to examine rural health care in America, focusing on challenges and opportunities, 9 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* May 22, business meeting to consider S. 2269, to reauthorize the Global Food Security Act of 2016 for 5 additional years, S. Res. 386, urging the Government of the Democratic Republic of

the Congo to fulfill its agreement to hold credible elections, comply with constitutional limits on presidential terms, and fulfill its constitutional mandate for a democratic transition of power by taking concrete and measurable steps towards holding elections not later than December 2018 as outlined in the existing election calendar, and allowing for freedom of expression and association, S.J. Res. 58, to require certifications regarding actions by Saudi Arabia in Yemen, and the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, done at Marrakesh on June 27, 2013 (Marrakesh Treaty) (Treaty Doc.114-06), 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

May 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* May 22, to hold hearings to examine the healthcare workforce, focusing on addressing shortages and improving care, 10 a.m., SD-430.

May 23, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2852, to reauthorize certain programs under the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* May 23, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Emory A. Rounds III, of Maine, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics, Kelly Higashi, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and Frederick M. Nutt, of Virginia, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* May 23, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Britt Cagle Grant, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Allen Cothrel Winsor, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, Patrick R. Wyrick, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, and Edward W. Felten, of New Jersey, and Jane Nitze, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 23, Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration, to hold hearings to examine the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act and exploited loopholes affecting unaccompanied alien children, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

May 24, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2645, to establish a demonstration program under which the Drug Enforcement Administration provides grants to certain States to enable those States to increase participation in drug take-back programs, S. 2535, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to strengthen Drug Enforcement Administration discretion in setting opioid quotas, S. 2789, to prevent substance abuse and reduce demand for illicit narcotics, S. 207, to amend the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues, S. 2838, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to require the Drug Enforcement Administration to report certain information on distribution of opioids, S.

2837, to improve the systems for identifying the diversion of controlled substances, and the nominations of Andrew S. Oldham, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Alan D. Albright, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Thomas S. Kleeh, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, Peter J. Phipps, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Michael J. Truncale, J. Campbell Barker, and Jeremy D. Kernodle, each to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Wendy Vitter, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Ryan Wesley Bounds, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Susan Brnovich, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Chad F. Kenney, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Maureen K. Ohlhausen, of Virginia, to be Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Erica H. MacDonald, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, and Scott Patrick Illing, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* May 22, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

May 24, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* May 23, to hold hearings to examine preventing and treating opioid misuse among older Americans, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

### House Committees

*Committee on Appropriations,* May 23, Full Committee, markup on FY 2019 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

May 24, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, markup on FY 2019 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* May 23, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Regulatory Reform: Unleashing Economic Opportunity for Workers and Employers”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* May 23, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining the Olympic Community’s Ability to Protect Athletes from Sexual Abuse”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 23, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the Children’s Hospital Graduate Medical Education Program”, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* May 23, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Investment, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Help Fuel Capital and Growth on Main Street”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 23, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “The Impact of Autonomous Vehicles on the Future of Insurance”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* May 23, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Strengthening American Diplomacy: Reviewing the State Department’s Budget, Operations, and Policy Priorities”, 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 23, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “Asia’s Diplomatic and Security Structure: Planning U.S. Engagement”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

May 23, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled “Chinese Investment and Influence in Europe”, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

May 23, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Combatting Transnational Criminal Threats in the Western Hemisphere”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* May 23, Full Committee, hearing entitled “ISIS-Post Caliphate: Threat Implications for America and the West”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* May 23, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2365, the “Desert Community Lands Act”; H.R. 2606, the “Stigler Act Amendments of 2017”; H.R. 3744, the “Tribal Recognition Act of 2017”; H.R. 4528, to make technical amendments to certain marine fish conservation statutes, and for other purposes; H.R. 5787, the “Strengthening Coastal Communities Act of 2018”; and H.R. 5874, the “Restoring Accountability in the Indian Health Service Act of 2018”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* May 23, Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, joint hearing entitled “The Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform

May 23, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 877, a resolution of inquiry directing the Secretary of Commerce to provide certain documents in the Secretary’s possession to the House of Representatives relating to the decision to include a question on citizenship in the 2020 decennial census of population; legislation to codify provisions relating to the Office of National Drug Control Policy, and for other purposes; H.R. 5415, the “GAO-IG Act”; legislation on the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Amendments Act of 2018; H.R. 2648, the “Veterans Transition Improvement Act”; H.R. 5321, the “Too Long; Didn’t Read Act of 2018”; H.R. 4407, the “Corporal Jeffery Allen Williams Post Office Building”; H.R. 4946, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1075 North Tustin Street in Orange, California, as the “Specialist Trevor A. Win’E Post Office”; H.R. 5205, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 6th Street in Hawthorne, Nevada, as the “Sergeant Kenneth Eric Bostic Post Office”; H.R. 5238, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1234 Saint Johns Place in Brooklyn, New York, as the “Major Robert Odell Owens Post Office”; H.R. 5349, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1320 Autumn Avenue in Memphis, Tennessee, as the

“Judge Russell B. Sugarmon Post Office Building”; H.R. 5412, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 2nd Avenue in Brentwood, New York, as the “Army Specialist Jose L. Ruiz Post Office Building”; H.R. 5504, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4801 West Van Giesen Street in West Richland, Washington, as the “Sergeant Dietrich Schmieman Post Office Building”; H.R. 5737, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 West D Street in Alpha, Illinois, as the “Captain Joshua E. Steele Post Office”; and H.R. 5784, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 North Doctor Martin Luther King Drive in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as the “Vel R. Phillips Post Office Building”, 2:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 24, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Union Time on the People’s Dime: A Closer Look at Official Time”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, May 23, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the Department of Energy Science and Innovation Act of 2018; legislation on the National Innovation Modernization by Laboratory Empowerment Act; and legislation on the ARPA-E Act of 2018, 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, May 23, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 8, the “Water Resources Development Act of 2018”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, May 23, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 2409, to

allow servicemembers to terminate their cable, satellite television, and Internet access service contracts while deployed; H.R. 5452, the “Reduce Unemployment for Veterans of All Ages Act of 2018”; H.R. 5538, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain additional periods of active duty service for purposes of suspending charges to veterans’ entitlement to educational assistance under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs during periods of suspended participation in vocational rehabilitation programs; H.R. 5644, the “VET OPP Act”; H.R. 5649, the “Navy SEAL Chief Petty Officer William ‘Bill’ Mulder (Ret.) Transition Improvement Act of 2018”; and legislation to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for the termination by a spouse of a lessee of certain leases when the lessee dies while in military service, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, May 23, Subcommittee on Tax Policy, hearing entitled “Tax Reform and Small Businesses: Growing Our Economy and Creating Jobs”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

May 23, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5861, the “Jobs and Opportunity with Benefits and Services for Success Act”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: May 22, to hold hearings to examine breaking through the regulatory barrier, focusing on what red tape means for the innovation economy, 2:30 p.m., 1100, Longworth Building.

## Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 22

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 22

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Dana Baiocco, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 12 noon. Following disposition of the Baiocco nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 2372, Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act.

*(Following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 2372, Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act, Senate will recess until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of S. 2155—Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act (Subject to a Rule) and S. 204—Trickett Wendler, Frank Mongiello, Jordan McLinn, and Matthew Bellina Right to Try Act (Subject to a Rule). Begin consideration of H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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